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Bible Study Awards

For the second year Mississippi has had the best ratio of awards in Category 32 (Bible Study) of any state. The ratio for 1974-75 was one award for each 16 Sunday School members. The awards in Category 32 were available only to adults and young people, while the Sunday School figure includes the entire enrollment. The total number of awards for 1974-75 was 20,527, second only to Alabama's 21,078. The Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has been awarded a plaque by the Sunday School Board for this accomplishment for the second year. Admiring the plaque, left to right, are Billy Hudgens, consultant in the Sunday School Department who works in the area of Bible Study; Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer; and Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department of the Convention Board.

Home Mission Board Adds Staffer, Missionaries

ATLANTA (BP) — Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board named one staff member and appointed 23 persons to missionary positions in 11 states. J. T. Burdine of Bismark, N. D., was elected associate director of the board's department of rural-urban missions, effective Feb. 15. Burdine has served as director of missions for Eastern and Western Baptist Associations in North Dakota and missions director for the Northern Plains Baptist Convention in North Dakota, Northwestern Montana and Northwestern Minnesota.

From 1962 through 1968, Burdine served pastorates in Florida, Indiana, Alabama, Kentucky and Alaska. A graduate of Stetson University in Deland, Fla., he earned both master and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Missionary appointments included 15 career missionaries and 8 missionary associates.

Bill and Sandy Warnock of Kingsland, Ga., were appointed pastoral missionaries at Waikiki Baptist Church, Waikiki, Hawaii.

William Robert and Lorna Smith of Houston, Tex., were appointed to a missionary pastorate of El Portal Chapel Calif.

George Sadler Jr. of Atlanta, will serve as a missionary of the

Home Mission Board's department of cooperative ministries with National Baptists, directing a Seminary Extension Center in Tampa, Fla.

William and Margaret Perkins of Birmingham, Ala., will be missionaries in cooperative ministries with National Baptists directing Birmingham Baptist Fellowship and coordinating activities between National and Southern Baptist churches.

Fleet and Wanda Belle of Pritchard, Ala., will coordinate joint

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Six Library Regional Clinics Set In 1976

NASHVILLE — Six "Church Library Regional Clinics" have been planned by the Sunday School Board's church library department to be held across the Southern Baptist Convention in February and March, says Wayne E. Todd, department secretary.

Locations and dates of the clinics include First Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Ark., February 27-28; Foxworth Baptist Church,

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Ministry To Cancer Patient Is Subject

How can pastors assist the cancer patient?

This is the question to be explored in Jackson March 2, 10 A.M.-3 P.M. when clergymen of various denominations get together for the state's 16th annual seminar on "Pastoral Care of the Ill."

Sponsors are Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and the American Cancer Society, Mississippi Division.

A former cancer patient, Mrs. Lynn Porch, Clinton, will describe the special needs felt by a cancer victim which clergymen might be able to answer.

A Jackson surgeon, Dr. James Spell, will address the clergymen. He is Mississippi's medical representative in the House of Delegates of the American Cancer Society and a former president of the Mississippi Division of the A.C.S.

Other speakers announced by Rev. Gordon Shambarger, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center chaplain, who will coordinate the seminar, will be Dr. James Travis, chaplain at the University Medical Center, and Elizabeth Johnson, of the staff of the Mississippi Division, A.C.S.

The seminar will be held at Baptist Medical Center.

According to Chaplain Shambarger (Continued on page 3)

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Evangelism Conference Feb. 2-4 At Broadmoor

Dr. Huber Drumwright, dean of the School of Theology at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, will be one of five out-of-state speakers for the 1976 Evangelism

Conference Feb. 2-4 at Broadmoor Church, Jackson. The conference will begin on Monday evening and conclude at noon on Wednesday.

Dr. Drumwright will be leading the Bible study and will speak at each of the five sessions, according to Rev. Roy Collum, director of Evangelism for the Mississippi

Baptist Convention Board. The other out-of-state speaker will be Rev. E. S. (Andy) Anderson of the Sunday School Board, the originator of the ACTION program of Sunday School enrollment; Dr. Roy Edgemon, director of evangelism planning for the Home Mission Board; Rev. Peter McLeod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas; and Rev. S. M. Lockridge, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, Calif.

Except for Rev. Anderson, each of these men will deliver a 30-minute message.

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Cooperative Gifts Go Past \$6.5 Million For '75

Total receipts from Mississippi Baptist Churches through the Cooperative Program for 1975 amounted to \$6,533,055, according to an announcement by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Bap-

tist Convention Board. This was \$794,808 more than for the receipts for 1974. It was \$66,915 short of the 1975 budget of \$6.6 million, but the budget figure included a \$100,000 advance section which was not to be effective

until the receipts exceeded the \$6.5 million basic portion.

"That Mississippi Baptists believe in meeting mission needs at home and around the world is demonstrated in their response in missions giving throughout last year during uncertain economic conditions," Dr. Kelly said.

"The gifts of Mississippi Baptists through their local churches last year have allowed their Convention Board offices to proceed with full confidence toward carrying out all the programs and plans of action adopted by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and by the convention," he added. "It also means that every penny from Mississippi that was budgeted for foreign and home missions use through the Southern Baptist Convention offices was available to be sent to those agencies."

"Praise the Lord for the dedication to the task that is exhibited by the Baptists of Mississippi," he declared.

The Cooperative Program is the Southern Baptist system of voluntary, unified giving which funnels gifts from individual churches through the state and nationwide convention offices for distribution according to formulas adopted by church members at the annual meetings of the conventions.

Receipts for December in the (Continued on page 2)

SBC Gifts Surge Ahead By \$1.2 Million

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget surged into the new year, running 13.14 percent — or more than \$1.2 million — ahead of receipts at the same point in 1975.

Through the first three months of the 1975-76 fiscal year, 34,794 Southern Baptist churches, contributing through 35 state or regional conventions across 50 states, have given over \$10.5 million through the Cooperative Program.

Total giving, including designated contributions, runs the amount to more than \$11.3 million through the first three months. That's 12.97 percent ahead of the same point last year.

The contributions give Southern Baptist Convention agencies a running start toward a \$42,000,000 goal for basic operating and capital needs in the 1975-76 fiscal year. Including an \$8,920,000 "challenge" goal over and above the basic operating and capital needs budgets, the entire 1975-76 goal is

\$51 million.

"We rejoice in the continued increase in gifts for missions, education and benevolence through the Cooperative Program," said

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D. Min. Program Offered In Jackson, Birmingham

Doctor of Ministry (D. Min) seminars will be offered in Jackson and Birmingham beginning Jan. 26, according to Dr. Bradford Curry, director of the D. Min. program at New Orleans Seminary.

The Jackson seminar will be led by Dr. James C. Taylor. The seminar will be on "Great Pastors and Their Work." Seminar sessions will be held in the Bap-

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Lottie Moon Victories

Many churches set high goals and won unusual victories for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 1975. According to early reports, both small churches and large churches have gone far over their goals.

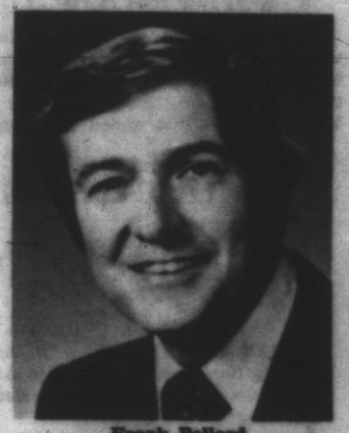
First, Jackson, large city church, set a goal of \$40,000 and passed it. Pleasant Grove, a rural church near Brookhaven, in thinking of the Bicentennial, set their goal for \$1776. They gave \$1836.

Early reports of Lottie Moon victories reveal—Goal and Gifts:

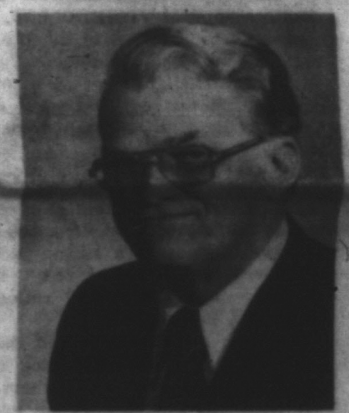
Church	Goal	Gifts
First, Jackson	\$40,000	\$40,420.83
First, Columbus	\$24,000	\$33,040.00
First, Pontotoc	\$6,000	\$15,000.03
Harrisburg, Tupelo	\$5,000	\$6,787.99
First, Oxford	\$2,400	\$3,215.63
Pleasant Grove, Brookhaven	\$1776.00	\$1836.00
West Union, Carriere	\$400.00	\$615.48

The largest amount Pleasant Grove, Brookhaven, had ever given to Lottie Moon was \$1271. Combining the themes "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," and "Redeemed . . . Rejoice, Proclaim," the church launched their observance of America's Bicentennial at the same time they were observing the foreign mission emphasis. Rev. G. G. Aultman, pastor, says, "Our church plans to participate in every phase of our denominational emphasis on this bicentennial year because we have already experienced the blessings that come from an awareness of our wonderful heritage linked to blessed hope in Christ Jesus."

West Union Church in Carriere, another rural church, has a record (Continued on page 2)



Frank Follard



Roy Collum

Mississippi College Trustees Establish Graduate School

The Mississippi College Board of Trustees has approved the change in the name of the graduate division of the college to the Graduate School effective immediately, raising the separate schools within the college to four.

In addition to transferring the graduate studies to a separate school classification, the Trustees also changed the top administrative post to dean of the Graduate School and gave the position on a permanent basis to Dr. Edward McMillan.

Mississippi College can now boast of a School of Nursing, School of Law, School of Business and Public Administration, and Graduate School in addition to its seven academic divisions within the college itself. The School of Nursing has been in operation for seven years, while the School of Law and School of Business and Public Administration were established with the start of the current school year.

The graduate programs of the

college have grown tremendously over the years, leaping from fewer than 50 students when first instituted to an all-time high of 840 students for the most recent session. The graduate program has become the third largest of its kind among Baptist colleges and universities in the nation.

The college began its graduate program in 1960, starting with courses in the area of liberal arts and education for the purpose of providing training to teachers at the graduate level. The first graduate degrees were awarded in 1962 and since that time the number has increased almost yearly.

Mississippi College currently offers seven graduate degrees. They are the master of arts, master of business administration, master of combined sciences, master of education, master of music, master of social sciences, and the Education Specialist degree, a program that goes 30 semester hours beyond the master's degree.

Is A Religion

TM Has Hindu Basis, Christians Advised

By Toby Drun

ATLANTA (BP) — Christians tempted by the "non-religious" label on the promises of Transcendental Meditation have been advised to be aware of the movement's Hindu origins and philosophy.

Glenn Igleheart, director of the Home Mission Board's department of interfaith witness, said that no doubt many Baptists and other Christians are attracted to TM through claims it can cure almost everything from high blood pressure to alcoholism and drug abuse. An advertisement in the Jan. 5

Atlanta newspapers claimed Transcendental Meditation brings "quicker recovery from stress, increased stability, increased productivity, normalized blood pressure, and increased orderliness of thinking."

But Igleheart and his associate, Kate Ellen Gruver, whose areas of work include TM, cautioned Baptists both about the claims made by TM and about the basic Hindu philosophy behind the movement.

"The public image of TM has been Americanized," he said, "but the interior teaching is avowedly

Hindu. The issue for Baptists is that any religious organization in America has the right to promulgate its teaching, but Transcendental Meditation should acknowledge its Hindu origin and philosophy."

TM's claims often are accompanied with the contention that TM is "not a religion" or is not "religious." "TM claims it is non-religious in nature," Igleheart philosophy is basically Hindu monism.

There is evidence that through quiet times or meditation some of

the "cures" claimed by TM can be realized, Igleheart and Miss Gruver said. "But studies have shown the same results can be achieved by simply cultivating a quiet time or period of meditation such as practiced by Christians in prayer," he noted.

Persons participating in TM, Miss Gruver said, go through an initiatory rite that is religious in nature involving bringing an "offering" of fruit and flowers and kneeling before a picture of a Hindu guru.

After four sessions of instruction — one course offered costs

\$125 for individuals and lesser rates for children and students — the new meditator is given a "mantra," a secret Sanskrit syllable or syllables, assigned to them to suit the individual's particular "vibratory rate."

Thereafter, TM advocates devote two 20-minute sessions daily to meditation, reciting themselves and repeating the mantra over and over again. Though the mantra supposedly is secret, many have been revealed and are from Hindu religious writings.

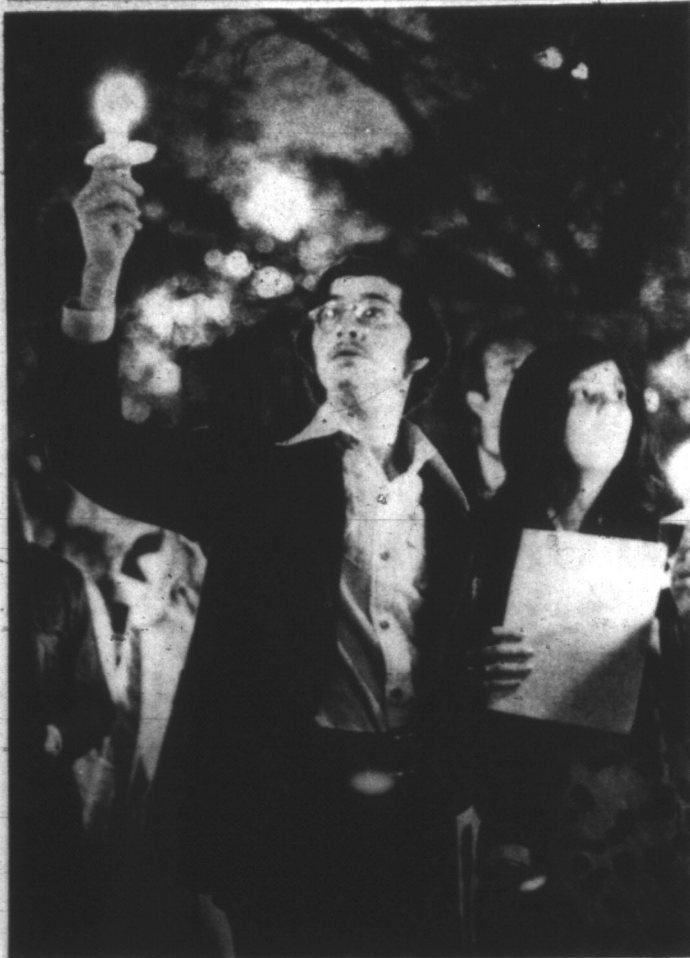
Meditators also are told they can achieve various levels of con-

sciousness as they develop their meditative abilities. Igleheart said this also comes from Hinduism, which points a person along a path to an ultimate God-consciousness.

Both Igleheart and Miss Gruver said inquiries to their offices and in conferences they attend are increasing about TM.

"Many people in our churches are asking their pastors about it," Miss Gruver said. "Teenagers are hearing about TM in school and adults in many instances are having it pushed on them at work."

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Pass The Torch To 1976

Students and single adults from across the Southern Baptist Convention marched down the San Antonio River with candles to the historic Alamo as they observed the coming of the new year and the third 100 years of this nation. The torchlight parade followed a New Year's service that ended Freedom 76 (Baptist Press Photo).

5,000 Flickering Candles Welcome 1976 Bicentennial

By Dan Martin

SAN ANTONIO (BP) — In the flickering light of 5,000 candles ringing San Antonio's historic Alamo Plaza, young adults from 42 states welcomed in America's third-century with prayer and song.

The 5,000 college students and single and married young adults concluded FREEDOM 76, a four-day national conference sponsored by agencies of the 12.6 million-member Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

The candlelight procession of young people formed at the San Antonio Convention Center and stretched for a number of blocks to the Alamo Plaza, across the street from Texas' historic shrine.

As they walked along the meandering river, most of the participants were silent, although some sang hymns and religious choruses. Still others stopped to talk with New Year's Eve revelers at the night spots along the river.

The scene cast a strange scenario: Police scooters lit the area with their flashing-red lights. The candles flickered and guttered. The lights were reflected in store windows and on the moist pavement.

As the marchers reached the Alamo Plaza, they sang several songs, including America the Beautiful, Amazing Grace, the national anthem, and others.

After the long procession eventually got to the plaza, participants knelt on the wet ground and pavement to pray for America as it enters its third century.

As the young adults prayed, silence deepened and policemen held passing cars back for the few minutes the prayer continued.

Even the walk back to the convention center, parking lot and nearby hotels was subdued as participants reflected on the four-day meeting.

During the meeting they were invited to look at America—past, present and future—and at their own lives, lifestyles, and calling. They "experienced" hunger and contributed \$9,352, to help alleviate suffering and starvation around the world.

Prior to the parade, participants worshipped at a special 76-minute service in the Convention Center, led by Fort Worth pastor Bill O'Brien. They heard music, testimonies, and sang songs.

They also signed a declaration making plain their dependence on God and their interdependence on each other. They pledged to pray and be concerned for each other during the New Year.

They also were called to make specific responses to the call of God for vocational choices. More than 1,000 of them indicated an interest in pursuing the matter of Christian vocations.

The four-day meeting in San Antonio had been in the planning for more than two years. It emphasized Baptist Heritage, Christian Citizenship, Christian Discipleship and the Mission of the Church at the start of the nation's third century.

International Christmas

Christmas parties for internationals were held in Gulfport and in Moss Point, sponsored by Gulf Coast Association and Jackson Association and coordinated by the language missions program on the coast.

Rev. Paul Vandercook is language missions coordinator for the two associations and was in charge of the Christmas parties. Scenes from the party at Gulfport are shown in these photos.



A moment of relaxation is enjoyed by, left to right, Rev. Rafael Melian of New Orleans, Rev. David B. Lema of New Orleans, Rev. Paul Vandercook of Jackson and Gulf Coast Associations, Rev. J. W. Brister of Gulf Coast Association, and J. W. Brooks of Gulfport.

Evangelism Conference Is February 2-4 At Broadmoor

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minute message, with Rev. McLeod and Dr. Edgemon preaching both on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. Rev. Lockridge will speak on Tuesday night.

During the opening session on Monday evening Rev. Frank Polard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, will deliver the message to close the session. A 15-minute message will open each of the five sessions, and these will be delivered by Mississippi pastors.

The Mississippi Singing Churchmen and the Mississippi Singing Women will present a musical meditation to open the conference at 6:30 p.m. on Monday. Also on

Monday evening the choir of Broadmoor Baptist Church will present choral music.

Dr. W. Levon Moore, director of missions for Attala Association, will speak on Monday evening and will deliver the first message of the conference. On Tuesday morning Rev. William Stewart, pastor of First Baptist Church, Eupora, will speak.

The Tuesday afternoon speaker for the opening message will be Dr. Beverly Tinnin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Meridian. On Wednesday morning the speaker will be Dr. James Street, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wiggins.

The Tuesday evening session

will be at Mississippi College, beginning at 6:45. Rev. Lockridge will deliver the closing address, and the opening speaker will be preaching at the invitation of the college.

D. Min Program

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tist Building in Jackson.

The Birmingham seminar will be led by Dr. Malcolm O. Tolbert. This seminar will feature "Studies in First Corinthians." Seminar sessions will be held in the Birmingham Baptist Association Building.

TM Has Hindu

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They are asking their pastors about it and the pastors are asking us how to respond."

TM was introduced in the United States in 1969 by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, an Indian Guru who had studied under another Hindu, the Guru Dev.

The Maharishi supposedly developed the TM concept during two years in a Himalayan cave and a season of meditative travels through Indian forests. The movement gained notoriety when the Beatles went to India to study under Maharishi in the mid-1960s. Since then TM's adherents have included movie stars, professional athletes, at least one astronaut and other people in all walks of life.

The Illinois House of Representatives passed a bill in 1972 encouraging public schools of the state to use TM and a similar bill has been introduced in California. A National Institute of Health grant has pumped \$20,000 into a project to educate public school teachers in TM.

A recent TIME magazine article (Oct. 13, 1975) stated there are now 370 TM centers around the nation with 6,000 teachers and 30,000 new adherents signing up every month — three times as many as a year ago.

The Maharishi reportedly said he plans to eventually have 3,500 training centers for 3.5 million teachers to reach the world's 3.5 billion people. Reports said he netted \$20 million in 1975 to push his dream further toward reality.

TM's rapid growth, Igleheart observed, indicates a search for meaning and security by many people to which Christians should respond.

"It's obvious there is a definite need here," he said, explaining the movement's attraction. "But Christians know their faith and prayer and personal devotion offer everything found in Transcendental Meditation, plus fellowship and communion with the living God."

He Rode Into History

So away, down the moonlit road, goes Paul Revere and the Larkin horse, galloping into history, art, editorials, folklore, poetry; the beat of those hooves never to be forgotten. The man, his bold dark face bent, his hands light on the reins, his body giving to the flowing rhythm beneath him, becoming, as it were, something greater than himself — not merely one man riding one horse on a certain lonely night of long ago, but a symbol to which his countrymen can yet turn. Paul Revere had started on a ride which, in a way, has never ended. — Esther Forbes

Armstrong Offering Sets Record In 1975

ATLANTA (BP) — The 1975 Southern Baptist Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions had a record year with a total of \$8,491,653, but it fell short of the \$8.5 million goal by less than one tenth of one percent.

"We're delighted with this response — another record year," said Arthur B. Rutledge, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board executive director-treasurer. "This response has enabled the Home Mission Board to meet its field commitments this year and to look toward beginning new work."

The 1975 offering included an increase of \$361,511, more than one third of a million dollars, over the 1974 offering.

The goal for 1976 is \$9.5 million.



Foundation Trustees Elect Officers

The board of trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, during the board's annual luncheon which was held in Jackson at the Holiday Inn Medical Center re-elected E. L. Herring, fourth from left, a Jackson layman, as president. Grady Doss, second from left, a layman from Eupora, was elected vice-president. The executive committee is made up of Charles Lofton, third from left, a layman from Brookhaven; Aubrey Boone, third from right, a layman from Winona; and Delmar Simmons, right, a Jackson layman. Other board members are Rev. G. Barry Landrum, left, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville; Kearnie Travis, second from right, a Hattiesburg layman; and, not shown, Rev. Joel Murphy, pastor of Second Avenue Baptist Church in Laurel, and Harvey Ray, a Meridian layman. Rev. Carey Cox, fourth from right, is executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

Lottie Moon Victories

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dent membership of 150. In 1974, West Union set their Lottie Moon goal at \$350.00; they sent the Foreign Mission Board \$423. Six weeks later they invited Dr. and Mrs. Howard Olive, missionaries to the Philippines, to be their guests for a "Week-End of Foreign Missions." This year a goal of \$400 was set. The Foreign Mission Board will receive a check for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for \$615.48. The Ladies Senior Adult Sunday School Class take an offering each Sunday morning all year for the Lottie Moon Offering. Most of the ladies receive only Social Society checks; yet their concern is for the welfare of souls all over the world.

Rev. James Beck, pastor of West Union, states "We want to continue to make advances in our giving. We all desire to have placed on our tombstones the same engraving as Lottie Moon's — FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH."

(Because of space problems we shall not try to publish other Lottie Moon Offering reports until the WMU releases the full report later in the year. These early reports are presented simply to reveal the encouragement and evidence of victory which is felt as first reports come.)

SBC Gifts

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Porter Routh, executive secretary - treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

"As Baptists we can start the Bicentennial year in a meaningful way as we pray, witness and give to the end that the spiritual values in our history can become viable for Christian outreach," Routh said.

The strong running start was shored up by giving in December, 1975, of nearly \$3.5 million through the Cooperative Program, which outstripped December, 1974, by \$438,090 or 14.47 percent. Total giving in December, 1975, was in excess of \$3.8 million, including \$338,469 in designated contributions.

Home Missions

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National and Southern Baptist activities in Mobile, Ala.

Autry and Irene Brown of Bolivar, Mo., will serve in Colorado as state consultants in Christian social ministries.

Jim and Genie Kerr of Elkins, W. Va., will direct Christian social ministries in the Charleston, W. Va., area.

Jim and Laura Morgan will serve in Charleston, S. C., as associate director of Christian social ministries.

Coop Gifts

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Mississippi Baptist Convention offices were \$686,455. This was \$216,074 more than the amount for the same month of 1974 and was the second highest amount to be contributed through the convention offices for 1975. It was topped only by the January figure of \$748,439. It was also the second highest percentage increase over the same month of 1974 at 45.9 per cent. The highest percentage increase was the September figure, which at \$597,496 was 63.9 per cent above September of 1974.

The total receipts for 1975 were 12.1 per cent higher than the total for 1974.

New Winter Rates Offered At Conference Centers

NASHVILLE — Special winter weekend rates are being offered Dec. 1, 1975, through March 31, 1976, at Ridgcrest and Gorieta Baptist Conference Centers to make individuals and churches more aware that the conference centers are moving to a fuller year-round operation.

Walter Bennett, supervisor of the conference center program and promotion section at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, announced the winter price reduction, which will include all costs beginning with the Friday evening meal through Sunday lunch.

Cost of the special weekend rates will be \$11 a day for each person, based on double occupancy, according to Bennett. The present retreat package for winter months is \$12.50 for each day, compared to \$15.25 a day during the summer. After March 31, the \$12.50 retreat package will be in effect again until May 31.

Scheduling for use of the conference centers must be done through the conference center program and promotion section at the Sunday School Board. To schedule a retreat, telephone area code 615, 254-5461 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Central Standard Time.



A group from Bayou View Church in Gulfport adds to the music entertainment for the party.



An ensemble from First Church, Gulfport, directed by Jimmy Cutrell, presents music for the party.



Mrs. J. W. Brooks of Gulfport chats with Vietnamese young people.



Christmas packages are received by the Ely family. They are Lua, Chuong, and Chi.

Norfolk Sees No Housing Shortage For Convention

NORFOLK, Va. (BP)—Rumors and reports of a possible shortage of housing for "messengers" and other attendees to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here, June 15-17, 1976, were dispelled by local convention arrangements officials.

In spite of anticipated Bicentennial traffic, officials insisted they will be able to take care of all who want to attend the SBC, if reservations are sent in as soon as possible.

Housing was available for a minimum of 15,000 persons, based on placing people 3-4 to a room minimum, where possible, said Mrs. Susan Deselet, convention coordinator for the Norfolk Convention Bureau.

A total of 6,000-6,500 rooms were reported available by Mrs. Deselet, who said, "We have a firm commitment of between 5,500-6,000 of these," 2,500 in Norfolk, 250-300 in Portsmouth, 300 in Williamsburg, all confirmed, and the rest in Virginia Beach. Hotel rooms in downtown Norfolk were at a premium with most of the 300 rooms also available at Old

Dominion University also already taken.

At last report, Mrs. Deselet said, more than 1,000 confirmations had been mailed to persons planning to attend the SBC this June. Most convention-goers can expect to stay in outlying areas, such as Virginia Beach and the others.

A shuttle service, at a "reasonable fee" is anticipated at least from Virginia Beach and possibly from the other areas to the Norfolk convention complex, said John A. Brown, director of missions for the Norfolk Baptist Association, who is working with the local arrangements committee of Baptists.

The possibilities of campsites and private homes to convention-goers increased the chances of finding housing.

Mrs. Deselet noted, "Time is short. We would urge people planning to attend the convention to get their reservations in immediately. We will have no problem housing everyone, if they act as soon as possible."

Brown said some persons attending the SBC could expect to

be housed about 5 miles from the Norfolk Scope convention center, with most to be about 18 miles away in beachside hotels.

The auditorium in Norfolk seats 12,000, with Chrysler Hall, in the same complex, seating about 3,000.

One local official also noted that rooms would not be available at Newport News and Hampton, Va., because the Virginia Methodist Conference will be meeting in the area at the same time as the SBC.

Local arrangements chairman Cmdr. Vernon Ray Jenkins, USN, ret., said he expected all arrangements would be confirmed and finalized by February and noted, "I think we can do the job of housing those attending the SBC. And I think the City (of Norfolk) will work with us all the way."

Housing registration forms for the SBC meeting in Norfolk were published in the November, 1975 issue of the Baptist Program. Forms were mailed also for publication to the Baptist state papers and are available through the various executive secretaries' offices of the Baptist state conventions.

Registration for campsites should be made with the campsite management personally. A list of campsites will be published in the February, 1976, issue of the Baptist Program.

Church Lottie Moon Gifts Go From \$4,000-\$40,000

By Teresa Shields

DENVER, Colo. (BP)—Four years ago Applewood Baptist Church here gave \$4,000 to Southern Baptists' Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions—not bad for a church of about 300 attendance in Sunday School.

But this year their offering will likely reach \$40,000. The congregation is now twice as large, but the offering might be 10 times as large.

Members say the reason is the pastor, Luther Mann, has "world vision." They also say the church is "giving oriented" because it is "mission oriented."

With an annual budget of \$285,000, Applewood gives \$175,000 to missions. That amounts to over 60 percent of the budget. Life commitments to missions have also been made by several members who have caught Mann's "world vision."

"My life has been blessed by the ministry of Dr. Luther Mann," says Don E. Brake, Southern Baptist missionary to Paraguay. "He has continually fed the people of

Applewood to consider missions in their own life."

Virginia (Mrs. Carl W.) Bechtold, recently appointed Southern Baptist missionary associate assigned to Liberia adds, "Luther Mann, more than anyone else, has been responsible for bringing to the surface the awareness we have felt for a long time. He helped us realize there are many needs on the mission field and the talents we have been given can be used."

Mann says, "The year 1971 marked a real renewal in our church. People were filled by the Holy Spirit and came to the realization that God had better things for their lives than just being ordinary members of a church. They became excited about Christ being in control of their lives."

Mann was turned down three times by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board because of medical problems, but that didn't hinder his mission involvement. His "heart for missions" can be verified by the four couples from Applewood serving with the board as missionaries. Besides the Brakes and Bechtolds, Mr. and

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Mrs. Clyde D. Meador Jr. serve in Indonesia and Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Ladd will serve in the Philippines as missionary associates.

Five church members are in contact with the board. Still another couple plans to go to the field with the Wycliffe translators. Others have made life commitments and are in school or other mission work.

The Bechtolds accompanied the pastor and several others from the church on a mission tour to Ecuador. The church has also had tours to Korea and Germany. Mann encourages tours and lay involvement on the mission field.

"We now have many people who give 30, 40 and 50 percent of their income to Christ's work. Businessmen have dedicated their businesses to Christ. They realize it's not their business, but God's. When people see it's not their money, but God's, miracles happen in giving."

Every active family in Applewood Baptist Church receives The Commission, foreign missions magazine, and the Rocky Mountain Baptist, the Colorado Baptist state paper, to "funnel missionary news into the congregation."

Youth Night In Jackson

"Mississippi Baptist Youth—God's Instrument for America," was the theme for the annual Baptist Youth Night at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. Some 7,000 young people from all over the state were in attendance for the program with a bicentennial flavor and an emphasis on patriotism.

Scenes from the Youth Night program are shown in these photos.



Dr. James Pleitz, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., was the inspirational speaker for the Youth Night.



Elwyn Raymer of Nashville, Tenn., leads the honor choir in special music.



Testimonies on love for America were delivered by three young people. They were, left to right, Steve Pilgrim, student at Mississippi State University and State Baptist Student Union president; Charlene Puckett, a student at Council Manhattan High School in Jackson; and Eddie Graves, a student at Mississippi College and vice-president of the state BSU.

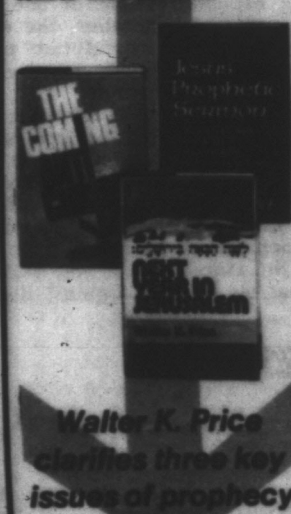


The Stone Brothers of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., sing and perform a trumpet trio.



Jackson's Junior Miss, Rita Wood, a member of Broadmaple Church, presented vocal solos.

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Top 10 Church-State Stories For 1975 Listed

Silver Spring, Maryland—Washington voter rejection of a proposed parochial state constitutional amendment and another major Supreme Court ruling against state aid for parochial schools head the list of the 10 top church-state stories of 1975, according to a year end analysis by the staff of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. The 10 most significant church-state news stories, according to this analysis, were the following:

1. Washington State voters decisively rejected an attempt to weaken the state's strict constitutional prohibition of tax aid to parochial schools and denominational colleges.

2. The U. S. Supreme Court ruled on May 19 that states may not provide instructional equipment, materials, or auxiliary services to parochial schools.

3. A court in Fairfax County,

Virginia, fined a Roman Catholic priest, Rev. Joseph Gedra, for violating a probably unconstitutional zoning ordinance against conducting worship services in private homes.

4. The U. S. Supreme Court agreed to hear *Roemer v. Board of Public Works*, an Americans United - ACLU suit challenging state aid to church affiliated colleges in Maryland.

5. The U. S. Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments rejected a series of proposed amendments to the Constitution to outlaw abortion.

6. Evidence was publicized confirming that the Central Intelligence Agency had used Catholic and other religious agencies for operations in Latin America.

7. The Roman Catholic bishops of the U. S. launched a major political campaign to amend the U. S. Constitution to outlaw abor-

Six Library Clinics Set In 1976

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San Jose, Calif., February 27-28; First Baptist Church of Aurora, Colo., March 5-6; First Baptist Church, West Monroe, La., March 5-6; Northside Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C., March 19-20; and North Dayton (Ohio) Baptist

tion.

8. Civil war erupted in Lebanon, revealing deep divisions between Christians and Muslims.

9. Western Maryland College agreed to completely secularize itself in order to be excused from a lawsuit challenging state aid to sectarian colleges.

10. Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia stirred up interfaith disharmony in November by attacking Jewish groups which favor church-state separation.

Carey To Offer Two More Free Bible Courses

William Carey College will again this spring semester offer two free evening classes in Bible to the citizens of the area. According to Dr. Joseph M. Ernest, academic vice-president, the two courses offerings will be: New Testament Survey, No. 104, and New Testament Studies, No. 404. The latter is an upper level concentrated study of Romans through Revelation, while the survey course is an introduction to the entire New Testament.

Beginning on Thursday evening, January 22, the two Bible courses will meet at the same time. Dr. Jerry Oswalt will teach Old Testament Survey. Dr. Don Stewart, chairman of the department of religion, will teach Old Testament Studies. Both classes begin at 6 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m.

Registration will take place on the opening night in the classroom. The only requirement is the completing of a scholarship form which must be signed by a pastor.

Church, March 26-27.

"Classification and Cataloging" and "The Media Center Serving a Church" will be discussed in the regional clinics. New concepts in church library organization and services will be highlighted. Consultants from the board's church library department will lead the conferences.

"Since participants will be able to choose only one area of study, church leaders might consider sending at least two people to the clinics in order to get coverage in both areas of study," adds Todd.

Each clinic will begin on Friday at 2 p.m. and conclude at noon on Saturday. A \$5 registration fee, payable at the clinic loca-

tion, will cover the cost of conference materials and the evening meal on Friday, as well as refreshments.

Interested persons should register for the clinic of their choice with the Church Library Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee; 37234.

Minister To Cancer

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burger, more than the usual amount of interest has been shown in the seminar. The theme for the conference will be "The Ministry to the Cancer Patient."

Lunch will be available at the hospital. Clergymen of all faiths are invited.

1976 Youth/Youth Leader Workshop

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25 Years Of Service



Miss Zadeen Walton, bookkeeper for the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, was honored at the meeting of the Foundation's Board of Trustees for 25 years of service with the Foundation. In the photo above Aubry Boone, chairman of the Executive Committee, gives Miss Walton a \$10 bill. Other directors repeated this procedure until she had received such a bill for each of her 25 years with the Foundation.

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EDITORIAL

The Second Year Of Decade Of Advance

Mississippi Baptists are entering the second year of their Decade of Advance.

At the risk of being repetitious, it might be well to have a brief review of the concept of "A Decade of Advance."

The Decade of Advance is more than attention to the Cooperative Program in providing for financial needs on an orderly and stable basis. It is a challenge to Mississippi Baptists to strive for increases in every phase of activity in order to meet the spiritual needs in our own state, across the nation, and around the world.

So also the Cooperative Program breaks out of financial boundaries to undergird every effort that is put forth by Southern Baptist people. Cooperation of church with church as it involves churches individually and collectively in their associations and conventions is what gives Southern Baptists a meaningful ministry in the world.

We are not all effective in every phase of our work, but with some being especially able in one area and some in another, the entire army of Southern Baptist people moves forward together and effectively all along the line.

Thus the Decade of Advance calls on all entities of Mississippi Baptist life to join hands and hearts in moving forward as never before. It seeks to implant firmly a spiritual base in this state before an inevitable population increase from outside the state rolls in and makes it impossible to stand against the tide

in as effective a manner as should be the case.

The state convention staff has responsibilities in being of assistance to churches and associations. The associations have a part to play in assisting the churches and the convention staff. And the churches will find need to assist their associations and the convention staff.

Mississippi is a strong Baptist state now, and it has a stronger moral fiber than is found in some other states where the influence of Christian people is not as effective. But without constant attention and improvement, this Christian witness can gradually deteriorate even without outside pressures seeking to break it down. With population increases expected as Mississippi becomes more of an industrial state, the pressures are going to mount to lower the standards of Christian morality.

This is not to say that all is to be found on a high moral plane in Mississippi now. Everyone knows this is not the case. It is to say, however, that Mississippi stands above some other states in moral climate, and it may be to a great degree because of a strong Baptist witness. It is not to say that we don't want others coming into our "Baptist Zion." It is to say that they are coming, and we must be ready to help them spiritually when they get here.

This is what the Decade of Advance is seeking to accomplish.

In an effort to get a firmer base established and to get ready to move forward on a united front, the state convention staff met for three

days at Camp Garaywa near Clinton last week. Away from telephones, families, and job interruptions, the group entered into an intense planning session both for 1976 and for the next 10 years. Plans were made individually by departments and collectively as a group. Objectives were established, and goals were worked out that would carry the work toward the objectives. Actions were outlined that will result in the ability to reach the goals.

Neckties were left at home, and sleeves were rolled up. The staff went out there to establish a way of working separately and collectively in moving forward together to accomplish a common task. The men and women worked hard and forged a direction for themselves that will pay off in spiritual results that will be measurable in enrollments, baptisms, finances, and attitudes.

We know that man does not have a choice as to whether or not he will have a relationship with God. Man's choice is whether or not that relationship will be a good one. We, more than any other group, are responsible to God and to man to bring God and man together in a right relationship.

We are the big and powerful religious group in Mississippi. What Mississippi becomes in the future, spiritually, morally, ethically, and maybe even financially, has been laid squarely in our hands.

The convention staff was at Garaywa last week with a determination to find the most effective way of making its contribution. — DTMCG.



ARE WE COMMITTING A 'CAPITOL OFFENSE'?

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Baptists Should Not Support Zionism

Dear Dr. Odle:

Please permit me to address a few observations to the subject of your guest editorial of the Record's issue of December 11 by Julian H. Pentecost from the Religious Herald of Virginia.

Baptists would do well to align their position on Zionism with the Scriptures. Drawn from several nations to which their people had spread Jewish immigrants to Palestine suddenly declared the existence of a new state to the world in 1948. "Israel" was in the midst of Arabians who had made the place their home for centuries. Some residents remained to become citizens of Israel. Some left to become residents of other Arab states, where many were forced by circumstances to live in refugee camps.

Except where they owned property in Palestine by right of purchase, Jews had no right to Palestinian land. Nor had they a right to intrude into a country of someone else and set up a government under alien authority. And for Baptists to cast their lot with the Zionist Utopians is for them to underwrite political thievery on a national scale.

Zionism is the ambition of some of the Jews of the world to reclaim the "Promised Land" for their people. It has no foundation in either the Old or the New Testament. When we read the Book of Hebrews, among others we get the impression that this is, in essence, the obituary of the Jewish nation, who were once God's chosen people. Paul's Epistle to the Romans extends hope to a Jew as an individual who will leave the Jewish rejection of the Messiah and accept Him as his personal Savior.

Therefore we conclude that a Zionist Utopia has no place in God's plan for the present or future ages. God has protected no plan for Jews as such. His resources are at their disposal if they will come as individuals, repenting of their sins and accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior like the others of us who have done so.

Unfortunately Southern Baptist theology with respect to "last days" has been perverted by materialistic millennialism.

To a pre-millennialist or a post-millennialist, the prophecies of the Old Testament concerning a re-gathering of the Jews in the "last days" apply to Israelites of the flesh.

I happen to be of the school of theology of which the late beloved Dr. M. O. Patterson, for many years Christianity professor in Mississippi College, was pre-eminent. These brethren hold that Christ is true Israel's High Priest, that with the consecration of the Christian community by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost the lower order of the priesthood ceased to be an office in the temple and became an aspect of the Christian's ministry.

Let Baptists extend to Jews, Arabs and those of any and all national backgrounds the invitation of our Savior to come to Him. But let us allow "Zion" to go the way of all Utopias of the past, into oblivion.

I will give my life to save the soul of one Jew. I will not volunteer one penny to establish this material, political "Israel."

Fraternally,
Cecil Roberson
Clinton, MS.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of a much longer letter. It represents one point of view concerning Israel. Many Baptists, including your editor, interpret the Scripture to present a much different view. Yet, we agree that all people, Jew and Gentile, need to accept Christ.)



Bicentennial
Feature

Revolt Against Taxes, Treatment Of Baptist Preachers

HILLSBORO, N. C., May 17, 1771 — (BP) — A band of independent-pioneers who have revolted against excessive taxation and political corruption fought what may prove to be the first skirmish in imminent battle for American independence near here yesterday.

Although the poorly armed woodsmen were defeated and dispersed by the state militia, they served notice they are ready to fight and die, as many did yesterday, to throw off what they say is oppression.

About 2,000 colonists, less than half of them armed, engaged the militia of Governor William Tryon at Alamance Creek 20 miles west of here. The skirmish continued for about two hours, with losses on both sides, before the rebels were dispersed.

The Regulators, as the rebels call themselves, have banded together to oppose what they term "burdensome taxes" and the "graft of the royal government." The Regulators have vowed they will not pay a tax unless they are satisfied it is lawful, and say they will pay no additional "fees" to civil authorities.

Disturbances have occurred for several years in North Carolina involving the Regulators, and a law was passed making rioting a treasonable offense. Several Regulators were captured yesterday by the militia and face execution for participating in the disturbance.

Another issue between the Regulators and the royal government is a restriction prohibiting Baptist ministers from performing marriage ceremonies. Baptists are gaining strength in this section, but say they have faced oppression and discrimination at the hands of the authorities.

While Baptists have been urged by their leaders not to take up arms against the government, it is believed that many have joined the Regulators in fighting what they consider injustices. Throughout the colonies, Baptists have fought boldly for religious and civil freedom.

Many Baptists share the growing feeling that war with England is inevitable. Their action here and in other colonies leaves no doubt that Baptist sympathy is with the revolutionists.

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NEWEST BOOKS

New Book Says There Are No Proofs For Evolution

THE TRUTH — GOD OR EVOLUTION by Marshall and Sandra Hall (Baker 238 pp., pocket book, paper, \$2.45) This is the most amazing and most exciting book on evolution that we ever have read. The man of this author-team was at the time of writing, a resident Ph.D. student who had been a convinced evolutionist, atheist and leftist-humanist. Then with his wife he began to do research into the origin of life, and discovered what the two together now reveal in this book — that there is no evidence whatever for the theory of evolution, and that all evidence points to a divine creator behind man, the world and the universe.

The first section of the book names seven reasons why people believe in evolution. The authors say that not a single one of these reasons is valid. The second section presents scientific evidence that disproves the theory of evolution. All of the claims concerning proofs of evolution such as Spontaneous Generation, Mutations, Natural Selection, Kinds, Fossils, and Time, are carefully examined. Using quotations from evolutionary scientists themselves, the authors show that there is absolutely nothing in any of these fields that proves evolution. These authors show that evolution has become like a religion which has to be accepted by "faith." It is based upon "assuming" this and "believing" that.

The authors challenge evolutionists to present a single instance of scientific evidence of evolution, and say that this must be done if the theory is to stand. They say that it cannot be done. They show that desperate efforts have been made to find such evidence, and some even have been forged, but not one scientifically proven fact to prove evolution has been found.

The third section discusses with clarity and breadth the various arguments and proofs of design that reveal that there is a divine creator behind the universe, the earth, and man himself.

The authors show what the false, unsupported theory of evolution has produced in science, education, modern behavior, communism, and philosophy. It is claimed that many of the world's problems of today are the fruit of evolution. The authors believe that evolution can be completely discredited, and that there will be a return to believe in God as the creator. This can help bring solution to many of the great problems faced in today's world.

Written by scholars who were not in any way sympathetic with its thesis when they began their research, the book opens a whole new understanding of the scientific world to the average person who has had to take the word of those who believed in evolution. This book gives the answers and shows that the theory cannot be defended.

This is a must book for preachers, for teachers, for parents, and for young people. We hope that it will have a wide reading.

THE AMERICAN HERITAGE HISTORY OF RAILROADS IN AMERICA by Oliver Jensen (Heritage - McGraw Hill, 320 large pages, \$9.95) A magnificent new volume that tells the dramatic story of the American railroad from the first little rail line in 1830 to the modern Amtrak system. The story is told in text and picture, with more than 300 illustrations, many of them in color.

The railroad is an integral part of the American story. Without it the vast expansions which came so rapidly, never would have been possible. The industrial revolution, the growth of the great cities, and the vast expansion of farming and food production, never could have happened if the railroads had not developed. From the tiny beginning in New Jersey the rail lines soon stretched across the continent, and by the end of the century had become a vast network that reached almost every community in the land.

The pages of this beautiful volume are "rich with splendid machines, clever business men, brave engineers, palatial depots, opulent cars, and amazing architecture." It tells of the adventure and romance that accompanied the development and growth of the railroad, but also of fortunes made and lost, corruption and dishonesty, etc. Here is a part of the history of America that needs to be preserved, and this volume does it well. The author is a railroad buff, a skilled historian, the editor of American Heritage Magazine, and the Board Chairman of a 21 mile steam powered railroad in Connecticut. This will be a valuable volume for the personal library, and for the church library.

THE CHURCH IN THIS CHURCH (Messiah Book Room, Detroit, 62 pp., \$75) A brief appeal by an unidentified writer for Christian unity based on salvation and the Spirit's leadership rather than upon doctrine. The idea sounds good, but hardly can be defended by the scriptures since unity there is based upon the teachings of the Word.

THE HEALING POTENTIAL OF TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION by Dr. Una Kroll (John Knox Press, paper, 126 pp., \$3.95) A critical probe of the Eastern religion which is pressing for recognition in America.

NOAH AND THE RAINBOW by Linda M. Wilson, Kim Nettle, artist (Gospel Publishing House, 12 pp., \$1.50) **SAMSON — STRONGEST MAN WHO EVER LIVED** by Nadine Duncan, Kim Nettle, artist (Gospel, 16 pp., \$1.50) Two colored books for children prepared especially for deaf children. These are Bible stories presented in colored pictures and printed texts, but also including the sign language so that the child who knows the sign language can read the text himself. We can see a widespread need for this type of material for work among the deaf.

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HOW TO LEAD A SOUL TO CHRIST by Robert G. Lee (Zondervan, 75c, 48 pp.) In this handy little book, Dr. Lee presents what it means to be a channel of God's love, and what it requires to bring into the discipleship of Christ.

On The MORAL SCENE...

YOUTHS AT LEISURE — Outside of work and school, what are kids up to? According to parents, teachers, youth workers, and teenagers themselves: (1) In some parts of the country, there is an unquestioned increase in rowdiness and in what some youth and recreation workers call risk-taking or adventure-related activities. The adventure pastimes may be hang gliding or motorcycling. Smoking marijuana, shoplifting, and prowling abandoned homes fall into the risk category. (2) There has been a boom in organized, often highly competitive team sports for boys and girls at the elementary, junior-high and high-school levels.

(3) Teenagers appear to be watching more television. Young people from the age of 12 through 17 now watch 23.5 hours of TV every week, compared with 20 hours per week in 1968, a recent study by the A. C. Nielsen Co. found. . . . Rowdiness and "cheap thrills," often growing from the boredom of middle-class affluence, can lead to problems for parents and law-enforcement agencies. A recent survey by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism found that one in seven high-school seniors reports getting drunk once a week. Another study, conducted by the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, found a significant increase — from 14% in 1972 to 23% in 1974 — in the number of 12- to 17-year-olds who had tried marijuana. Perhaps most alarming, however, were Federal Bureau of Investigation statistics released recently showing that crime among teenagers increased 9% over the year and that teenagers, representing 16% of the population, committed 31% of the serious crimes in 1974. One explanation for the behavior, some say, is a national climate in which risk taking, whether it be misbehaving in school or shoplifting in a department store, is respected rather than denounced. (By Patricia Anstett in The National Observer, Dec. 27, 1975)

The Mission Of The Twelve

By Wm. J. Falls
Matthew 9:35 to 10:42

For Christians the word "disciples" has a specialized meaning — those twelve men listed in the three Synoptic Gospels as the followers whom Jesus chose. But the word was used at that time to describe the followers or pupils of any teacher. They were adults who, were interested in the views of a certain teacher and would gather informally to hear him talk. The Jewish rabbis had their groups of faithful disciples trying to learn how to interpret the Scriptures. John the Baptist had some disciples. As a disciple grew in his understanding of his teacher's views, he would talk to others about them and defend them when criticized. A teacher and his disciples became a vital fellowship.

Verse 35 is almost identical with 4:23; both are summaries of Jesus' wide-range evangelism of teaching and healing. But in verses 36-38, Matthew focused on a particular time when Jesus talked with his disciples about his concern for the crowds that were thronging him every day. It is not clear whether the reference to sheep without a shepherd came from Jesus, but we know the idea came from two Old Testament prophets.

THE TWELVE SENT TO SERVE (10:1)

Here Jesus began to answer the prayer in 9:38. After all, who better than his own disciples could extend his ministry of teaching and healing? This first verse can introduce us to several things about the commissioning of the twelve. This is the first time Matthew has mentioned the disciples as a group. They are also called apostles, which means those who were sent out.

INSTRUCTIONS AND PROMISES (10:16-20, 40-41)

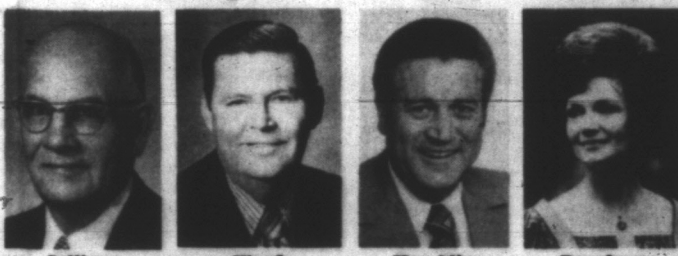
Although the common people needed the ministry of the disciples, Jesus foresaw vigorous opposition by both religious and civil authorities. Before such "wolves" the disciples might appear as sheep; therefore, they must be as cautious as serpents and as "innocent as doves" (RSV). They must have sense enough to think ahead of their enemies and leave town when necessary (v. 23). But they might as well expect arrests and trials if they remained true to their commission. "Councils" were the Jewish courts, and the "governors" referred to Roman authorities. Testifying before the latter would give disciples a chance to witness to Gentiles. In those trials God's Spirit would supply answers to their accusers. But some hearers would welcome God's truth and assurance of his mercy. As they would respond to the disciples' message, it would be the same as their responding to Christ and to God.



Old Hebron Completes Banner Year

The year 1975 was a banner year for Old Hebron (Jeff Davis). Sunday School and Training Union, as well as worship service attendance, was at the highest level in years. For the past several years records have been broken in the number of baptisms. One of the high points of the year was a special note burning service when the church had completed paying for its new annex and all other indebtedness. The burning of the note is shown above. Left to right are Durr Walker, chairman of trustees; Rev. R. G. Bilbo, in his fourteenth year as pastor of the church; and Clyde Cole. (The hand at left belongs to E. L. Daughdrill.)

Smith County's Mid-Winter Bible Conference Jan. 18-21



The third Mid-Winter Bible Conference to be sponsored by Smith County Association will begin at First Church, Raleigh, on Sunday night, January 18, and close on Wednesday night, January 21.

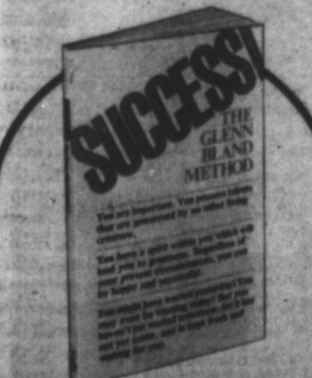
Pascagoula Men Preach In India

Bob Horner, pictured, pastor of Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula, and James Walters, a member of the church, left for a three week evangelistic trip to India on Thursday, January 8. Each will be preaching two full week crusades in the area churches of Chandigarh, India. It is estimated that only one percent of the persons living in that area are Christians.

The trip is being sponsored by the Orion Rhodes Evangelistic Association. Mr. Rhodes, of Pennsylvania, has made four other preaching tours to India. Each of the crusades on this tour will be in key cities where thousands of persons live. On the return trip, the men will spend several days in Geneva, Switzerland. They will return to Pascagoula on January 31.

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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Till Death Do Us Part?

By Bill Duncan
Matthew 19:1 - 15

This summer Mrs. Martha Branham was in our church for an evening concert. She was giving her testimony concerning her Christian home. Having been reared to believe that divorce was wrong she said that when a test of relationship had come to their marriage that "she had never considered divorce but murder several times." Of course we understood what she meant in a moment of humor. How many people understand marriage? We require much more training for getting a driver's license than a marriage license. It is time we took time to educate, train, and prepare people not only for getting married but staying married.

One of the important elements in building a good marriage is a consciousness of the fact that marriage commits both partners to a permanent relationship. When people say the words, "I take thee... for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer in sickness and in health... until death," they are contracting for a lifetime of cooperation in all areas of living. Successful cooperation is not possible when any limitations are set upon it.

In a sense, easy divorce as it exists today in our society is a hazard to successful marriages since people may sometimes think of it as a ready solution to problems that arise in marriages. When they had worked their way through the hard adjustments of solving those problems, they would have been stepping stones to deeper and more lasting happiness. Divorce is seldom a satisfactory solution to problems.

Sometimes people marry hoping that marriage will work miracles in their lives and bring them happiness. Marriage does not change basic personalities. If a marriage is to work, each partner must really work at it.

In March of 1974 a newspaper reported that there were four divorces for every five marriages recorded in Los Angeles County in 1973. That is almost a one to one situation. What is the ratio in your community?

Christian marriage is a lifetime agreement between a man, a woman and God. The stability of the marriage depends upon a relationship to God.

Divorce is a primary example of the human failure to live up to God's high standards. None of us has kept the whole law. Thanks to God, he offers forgiveness and reconciliation. The church today needs to be redemptive to people who have marriages to break up on the rocks of problems.

Today, the church is facing the same question that came to Jesus by the Pharisees: "Is divorce right or wrong?" The question is not being asked to gain further light on the subject, but to entrap us for discrediting truth.

Have you read what the Bible says about divorce? Marriage was the completing step in God's creation for man in his efforts to rule over creation. Before the law

was given, marriage was established as a permanent order where the husband and wife would be one in every dimension of life together. The physical and the spiritual are a true blending of lives in marriage.

I heard a preacher say that for 15 years he and his wife tried to determine how their marriage could be one without either giving in. So it was like a seesaw and the one that was the maddest got his or her way.

Jesus said that Moses allowed divorce because of the sinfulness of man. Because woman needed some protection in a male-dominated society, a bill of divorce was given by which right she could gain help from the husband or remarry.

The only exception for the ground for divorce was illicit sexual intercourse either prior to or within the marriage bond. As the text of Matthew 19 stands,



Isn't it strange about disliking people?

Two of our boys came in recently and began to season a meal time with pepper about a person they both dislike. If semantics and emotion were correlated, I think the boys would better express it, "I'm disappointed in" instead of "I dislike."

Before James and I headed the conversation off at the pass, I indulged, oh, so briefly, in reminiscing about the fine folks I've been disappointed in during my growing up years, and I felt vicariously what the boys were feeling. Then I remembered that I still have the experience of being disappointed in someone occasionally, too, even now. The difference is I know now I can survive a disappointment. I also know that the person who disappoints me is not alone in faults or problems. Somehow, each of us disappoints someone else. Somehow, all houses are glass. Even with the understanding of human relationships, the sick, hurt, choking, sometimes stifling feeling happens in my heart initially, every time.

So, I said, "It took me so many years to learn that feeling like you boys are feeling hurt me more than it did anyone — including the disappointing individual. I hope you can learn it while you're still young."

Wry expressions indicated their patience awaited Mama's upcoming lecture. Because such patience occasionally shares the same time limit as a three-year-old's interest span, I quickly said, "The main reason it hurts you is that when you're feeling those ugly feelings, you can't have room for all the good feelings you fellows should be able to feel. There are so many reasons why both of you should have good feelings, so many people who love

divorce and remarriage would be permitted only in the case of unfaithfulness on the part of one's mate.

Unfortunately the actual and the ideal is not the way of life. I believe as Jesus dealt with the woman at the well, so we should seek to redeem broken humanity. This must include all those who have experienced marriage failures.

Persons who chose the single life must not be made to feel that they are second class citizens in the church or the community. In marriage or the single life, purity is the Christian norm.

you and believe in you, so many people who are what they claim to be, who don't live hypocritically. But you surely can't enjoy good feelings when you're working at bad feelings. I finally decided not to let anyone else rob me of the joy I feel the Lord wants me to know. So I don't."

No comment. "That's my sermon for the day."

"Very well said." Later I thought, how much good did the sermon do? I told them what but not how. So I offer to them and to you my way of displacing ugly feelings toward people, even if the person really has been ugly and/or disappointing.

It's simple. I discipline myself to remember five things. The first, that Christ's love is mine, and that He'll never act ugly to me or disappoint me is easy, and it helps me as I deliberately recall and think lovingly about specific people (I set a minimum of two and often think of more) who are or have been meaningfully Christian in their relationship to me.

The second, that God takes care of me and other people, that He doesn't have need of my sharp tongue or bounteous scorn, my reprimanding discipline, or my dubious wisdom in handling the sins of others, is a bit harder to accept.

The third, that I can keep on loving someone, no matter how the person feels about me, helps me to keep from beginning to dislike or hate the person. There may be no response at all to my love — in fact, I may not even show it, but as long as I can feel it, I'm out of the woods.

The fourth, that I refuse to blame God for what people do is really the clincher for me; I refuse to resent God for what people do. This keeps my communication with God open for the fifth one — telling Him how I feel, asking His forgiveness, thanking Him for the good, joyful feelings He helps me to use to displace what I felt before.

It really works. And it must reduce the hassle - factor of life some 75%.

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Rev. Bobby Walton
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- Jan. 24
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Rev. Charles Brock

Johnston—Not Johnson!

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Johnston, Jr. of Magee were featured in a story on page one of the January 8 issue of the Baptist Record. The couple is giving \$50,000 as an endowment fund for the benefit of First Church, Magee. The outline under the Johnstons' photo incorrectly gave their name as "Johnson."

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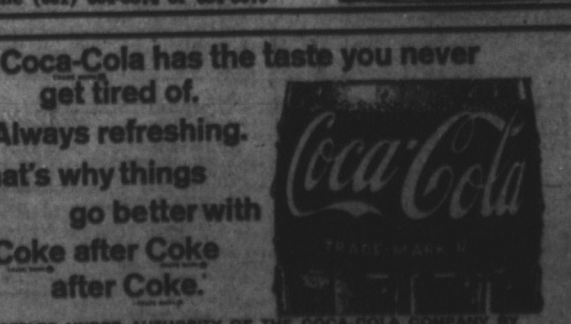
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E FORK	3,627.70	2,674.25	6,301.95	STUMPIG	2,227.44	903.20	3,130.64	WALNUT	1,425.03	724.40	2,149.43	ROSE HILL	100.00	100.00	200.00	WON	2,548.89	2,068.10	4,616.99
EMERLE	1,439.38	40.11	1,479.49	MAKE FOREST & CH	709.42	230.90	939.92		22,532.26	26,315.95	48,848.21	SALEN	0.00	0.00	0.00	WON	2,074.47	1,336.94	3,411.41
ENTERPRISE	157.00	234.43	391.43									SARDIS	831.67	860.04	1,691.71	WON	2,109.73	798.98	2,908.71
GALLIE	6,669.74	6,276.78	12,946.52									SHADY GRV	100.00	0.00	100.00	WON	2,523.65	2,628.71	5,152.36
GIL SURG	3,313.18	1,809.84	5,123.02									SHARON	0.00	0.00	0.00	WON	1,300.00	372.90	1,672.90
GLADING	70.00	189.32	259.32									SMITH ASSN	0.00	0.00	0.00	WON	3,291.47	1,732.07	5,023.54
HEBRON	225.79	236.00	461.79									SMITH ASSN	2,552.60	2,912.72	5,465.32	WON	1,143.31	1,787.21	2,930.52
HJ	25.00	49.00	74.00									SYLVANIA	0.00	0.00	0.00	WON	2,523.65	2,628.71	5,152.36
L BERRY	18,597.21	12,567.84	31,165.05									TEB	3,446.30	3,031.92	6,478.22	WON	2,523.65	2,628.71	5,152.36
MARS HILL	3,267.26	1,763.96	5,031.22									UNION	1,444.83	2,261.00	3,705.83	WON	2,523.65	2,628.71	5,152.36
MISS ASSN	0.00	100.00	100.00									WHITE OAK	0.00	0.00	0.00	WON	2,523.65	2,628.71	5,152.36
MT OLIVE	1,844.64	1,850.42	3,695.06									WILKINSON MEN	0.00	0.00	0.00	WON	2,523.65	2,628.71	5,152.36
MT PLEASANT	1,124.09	297.34	1,421.43									ZION	0.00	0.00	0.00	WON	2,523.65	2,628.71	5,152.36
MT VERNON	407.51	423.03	830.54																
NEW ZION	480.38	411.51	891.89																
OK GRV	333.00	286.14	619.14																
PIONEER	1,262.00	1,115.02	2,377.02																
ROBINSON	2,575.00	0.00	2,575.00																
THOMPSON	0.00	0.00	0.00																
UNION	8,633.50	4,299.25	12,932.75																
WOODVILLE	1,158.44	25.32	1,183.76																
ZION HILL	73,001.91	45,025.53	118,027.44																
MONROE	0.00	0.00	0.00																
ANTIOCH	1,332.77	1,818.52	3,151.29																
ATHENS	277.27	30.26	307.53																
BARTON TCHIE	2,513.01	648.04	3,161.05																
BECKER	2,712.22	0.00	2,712.22																
BETHEL	1,026.15	406.18	1,432.33																
BOBBE	1,026.15	406.18	1,432.33																
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CENTER HILL	240.00	709.25	949.25																
CENTRAL GRV	23,188.25	11,564.00	34,752.25																
FBC ANCHOR	35,064.47	16,631.64	51,696.11																
FBC PRAIRIE	47.50	30.00	77.50																
FRIENDSHIP	1,114.22	1,718.61	2,832.83																
GATWAY	77.00	55.00	132.00																
GRACE CPL	141.83	161.87	303.70																
GREENWOOD SPGS	480.50	491.73	972.23																
GREGORY CPL	2,496.31	773.46	3,269.77																
HAMILTON BAPT CH	5,918.65	3,222.41	9,141.06																
HEBRONWOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00																
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QUINCY	20.00	91.00	111.00																
ROCKY SPGS	529.00	588.00	1,117.00																
SHEPHERD	2,818.65	2,024.00	4,842.65																
SOUTHIDE	5,965.74	976.00	6,941.74																
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COUNTY LINE & CH	318.00	628.17	946.17																
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E PHILADELPHIA	5,079.03	1,375.15	6,454.18																
FBC PHILADELPHIA	16,250.00	32,363.00	48,613.00																
GALVARY	37.65	21.38	59.03																
GLADY HILL	494.50	1,119.24	1,613.74																
HIGH HILL	1,612.75	896.45	2,509.20																
HOPE	400.00	148.00	548.00																
LURE HILL	293.34	114.00	407.34																
LINDSEY	1,211.22	1,426.68	2,637.90																
LONGVIEW	340.33	563.27	903.60																
MT NELSON	160.25	0.00	160.25																
N BLACK JACK	293.22	293.22	586.44																
N CALVARY	3,475.00	10,015.44	13,490.44																
NELSON	1,441.34	2,549.62	3,990.96																
NELSON ASSN	0.00	451.29	451.29																
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Highest Attendance In West Salem's History

West Salem (Greene) set a goal of 110 in Sunday School for High Attendance Sunday, but 122 came. This was the highest attendance in the church's history. The day's offering reached an all-time high of \$800.00. Rev. Rafof F. Moore, pastor, says, "This would not be so great if the

church were in a heavily populated area, but it is in the vast DeSoto National Forest. It has 101 resident members and 104 enrolled in Sunday School. We were proud of the 81 average attendance for November."

Names In The News

Kent Campbell, freshman at Southwest Mississippi Junior College, was recently licensed by his home church, East Fork, Smithdale. His brother, Clay Campbell, is minister of music and youth at East Fork, and his brother, John, is organist. Kent plans to finish his education and go into the full-time ministry. Rev. George Bowers is pastor of the East Fork church.

Rev. Guy Henderson will be guest speaker in the morning service at Pioneer Church, January 25. Mr. Henderson is missionary to the Philippines, at present working with the Stewardship Department, MBCB. Rev. Houston Anglin is the pioneer pastor.



William Carey College head

librarian, Young Lee, right, looks over the newest book donated to the school library — "Were You There," written by former Carey student, Rev. Dwight Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Quincy, Fla. Shown looking over the book with the librarian is Steve Ward of Satsuma, Ala., who is currently president of the college's Ministerial Association.



Tommy Sparkman is the new minister of music at Rock Hill Church, Rt. 2, Brandon. A junior at Mississippi College, he is a native of Hazelhurst.

Southside Church, Jackson, recently licensed Billy Rowzee to the gospel ministry. Mr. Rowzee is a faithful member of the church and is active in the entire program. A native of Newton County, he was a member of the Jackson Police Department for nine years prior to entering the construction business. He and his wife, Ann, are the parents of three children, Jan, 12, Nancy, 9, and Rebecca, 3. He is available for pastoral work and may be contacted through his pastor, Dr. Fred D. Fowler.



ATHLETIC HELPER — Pete Frierson (second from left) of Clinton was honored at a luncheon recently at Mississippi College for his contribution of materials and equipment for a new baseball field at the college. Among those present were, from the left, Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college; Mr. Frierson; Marty Brunson, Mobile, Ala., representing the newly formed Diamond Club, composed of baseball players; and John M. Williams, athletic director. Work on the new field is practically complete and the Choctaw baseballers contemplate playing on it this spring. The diamond is located in the new athletic complex just west of the present campus. (M. C. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)

OCEAN CITY, N. J. (BP) — Margaret Sharp, 26-year employee of the Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department, Nashville, died visiting relatives here. She was 53.

Miss Sharp, prominent in Southern Baptist church training circles, was senior specialized training consultant in the church training department.

In January 1975, Miss Sharp was awarded the status of Career Professional Employees for her tenure of service and outstanding contributions to the ministry of the Sunday School Board. She wrote several books and numerous articles about church training work.

Funeral services were conducted in Nashville.

Rev. Michael C. Catt has accepted the call from Ruskin Heights Church in Kansas City, Missouri, as minister of youth education.

Master of Divinity student at Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, he is a graduate of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College and Mississippi College. He has served as minister and youth in Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, and First Church, Moss Point.

Facing Life's Problems

By Chester Vaughn, Program Director
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Trouble is no respecter of persons. Like rain, it falls upon the just and the unjust, the evil and the good, the rich and the poor. It comes to all people at one time or another.

Trouble is something we all want to avoid. No oratory can persuade us that trouble is a welcome guest.

Medical science has been able to ease physical pain, but man can devise nothing to ease the pain of anguish, frustration, and the loneliness of a broken heart.

Since we have to live with trouble, there are some sensible things we ought to say about it, and there are some courageous things we ought to do about it. There is no need to fight it. Resent trouble and you make yourself an enemy of life and you will lose the battle.

What trouble does to you depends upon what you choose to do with it. If you try to run away from it, escape it, act as though it doesn't exist, the effect upon you is disastrous in your inner emotional life. Every time you attempt to escape trouble, you become a weaker character.

Accept the fact that trouble is a constant constituent in human life and believe further that without struggle here can be no success either in achievement or character. Make trouble your friend. It will do something for your life that nothing else can possibly do.

Christ accepted his cross not merely to bear it but to use it, to make something of Himself. He took the deepest injustice ever done and so used it that it has become a healing of all injustice and sin. He took men at their worst and revealed God at His best. He took hate into His own heart and sweetened it with love. He took the darkest hour of history and turned it into light. He made His cross a throne, and it has been said, "His sufferings became our songs."

The story is told of a man who was forced to give up a great career in the church. At first he was stunned; his faith tottered. He asked himself, "Why? Why should this happen to me in the prime of life and dedicated to Christian service?" Then he thought and saw through his gloom. Isolated from men, from people whom he loved, God seemed nearer. Friends who came to visit him went away better than when they came. God did not heal this man of his infirmities; he did something better. He healed other people through his infirmities.

Someone has explained the joyful, triumphant note in the Negro spirituals by saying that they are tears set to music.

Set your troubles to music. Use them to help others, and your life will have a joyous, triumphant note.

Rev. E. D. Crenshaw Dies In Meridian

Funeral services for Rev. Ernest D. Crenshaw, 62, of 1304 45th Avenue, Meridian, were held Sunday, January 11, at Philadelphia. Rev. James E. Parker and Rev. Lawrence Massey officiated. Burial was in Newton County Memorial Garden, with Masonic rites.

Mr. Crenshaw, native of Neshoba County, was a graduate of Newton High School and Clarke College, and attended New Orleans Seminary.

He served as pastor of 18 churches during the more than 38 years of his ministry. He taught school for 22 years in five of the state's schools.

He was disabled for more than six years prior to his death, due to an automobile accident. At the time of his death, he was a member of Oakland Heights Church, Meridian.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Era Winstead Crenshaw, Meridian; two daughters, Mrs. Dee Blankenship, Jackson, and Mrs. Nancy Reynolds, Enterprise; two sisters; six brothers; and five grandchildren.

Dr. J. T. Lewis, Gardner-Webb Professor Dies

Dr. J. Therman Lewis, age 48, native of Webster County, Mississippi, and resident of Boiling Springs, N. C., died Monday, January 5, at 1 o'clock p.m. at the Royester Memorial Hospital. He was a professor of Biblical Languages at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, N.C.

Survivors are wife Martha Weddle Lewis, parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Harry Lewis of Meridian; two sons, Stephen and Kenneth Lewis, four brothers, Clatie Lewis from Decatur, GA, Dr. Raymond Lewis from Odessa, Texas; Dr. George Lewis, Starkville, and Rev. James A. Lewis, Blue Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Buford Boyd, Jayess, Mrs. William Thornton, Houston, TX.

Memorial services were to be held Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 4 p.m. in Boiling Springs Baptist Church. Dr. Lewis donated his body to the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Department of Anatomy, in Winston-Salem, NC. He was a graduate of Eupora High School, Eupora, Miss. Degrees are from Mississippi College, BA degree; New Orleans Seminary, Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology; John Hopkins University, Master of Arts.

He was a member of the Boiling Springs Baptist Church where he was a deacon. He was a member of the Boiling Springs Rotary Club.

Before going to Gardner-Webb College, he was pastor of churches in Louisiana, Mississippi and Maryland, also served as interim pastor in North and South Carolina.

Memorials may be made to the Christian Service Foundation, Gardner-Webb College of which he is co-founder. Also they may be made to Gardner-Webb College to the care of Biblical Languages as the Semitic studies. No flowers requested.

Revival Dates

McDowell Road Church, Jackson: Jan. 18-25. Rev. Eddie Martin, Lancaster, Pa., evangelist; Leon Westerhouse, music evangelist; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. John Hillman, pastor.

Friendship Appoints Evangelism Committee

Realizing a growing need to reach the unchurched and unsaved of their community, the members of Friendship Church, Grenada, have created a strong Evangelism Committee, pictured above, with Bobby White as chairman (seated in foreground). The Committee members have completed The Christian Life and Witness Course, taught by the pastor, Rev. Sherman Barnette, enabling them to be more effective witnesses as they go out into the community in pairs each Thursday night, which has been set aside as visitation night on the church calendar. The results are being felt by the church as it continues to grow spiritually as well as in number.

Rob Sugg Is Teacher Of Greek Course

A four-hour Greek course is underway in the Baptist Building under the auspices of Blue Mountain College. The teacher is Rev. Rob Sugg, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church at Bellefontaine. He formerly was Baptist Student Union director at Blue Mountain College and instructor in Greek.

The course began Jan. 12 and will be held every Monday at the Baptist Building in Jackson. It will be one semester in duration, ending about the last of May.

Four hours of Greek and four hours of Hebrew are prerequisites for the doctor of ministries work that will begin Jan. 26 in the Baptist Building under the auspices of New Orleans Seminary. A semester of Hebrew has just been completed at Reformed Seminary in Jackson.



Medical Center Workshop For Physicians/Clergy

"The secret in the care of a patient is in caring for the patient," Batesville physician Dr. David Ball, second right, told physicians and clergymen at a University of Mississippi Medical Center workshop. Other program participants who explored the potential for complementary health care delivery were, from left, Dr. W. Jackson Wilson, rector at Christ Episcopal Church, South Pittsburg, Tenn.; Dr. Samuel Southard, deputy superintendent of manpower and training, Georgia Mental Health Institute, Atlanta; Dr. Ball; and Dr. James L. Travis, University Hospital director of pastoral services and chaplain. The Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference co-sponsored the event with the UMC Department of Pastoral Services.

Trexler Attends Bicentennial Rally In D. C.

Rev. Fred Trexler, pastor of First Church, Richton, and member of the Executive Board, in early 1975 elected chairman and director of the Bicentennial committee for Perry County Association.

Troy A. Sumrall, director of Missions, Perry Association, reports, "Because of excellent service rendered in this capacity the churches elected to pay Brother Trexler's expenses to the Bicentennial Convention in Washington, D. C. January 12, 13, 14."

Off The Record

A group of youngsters in a California school were told to draw the pictures for Christmas cards they would give their parents, but to copy the verse from a card they found at home.

That's why one mother and father received this greeting from their daughter: "It's been a pleasure to do business with you."

She had paper and pencil ready as the operator looked up the number. "Madam," the operator said, "the number is Capital 5-1531."

The woman paused, then asked, "How do you make a capital 5?"

Sometimes mothers of small children get into the habit of fussing without even thinking. A mother, whose daughter was playing on the beach, shouted irritably, "Laura, stop that! You're tracking sand into the ocean!"

Lady driver to friend: "The thing I dislike about parking is the noisy crash."

Some people are so indecisive their favorite color is plaid.

Aspiring Author: "At last I have written something that will be accepted by any magazine."

Friend: "What could that be?" Author: "A check for a year's subscription."

Bill Clark To Sing At Yazoo Youth Meet

Bill Clark and Rev. J. G. Hood will be featured guests for the January 17 "Youth for the Master" meeting in Yazoo County. The program will be held at 7 p.m. in the vacated Dover Methodist Church building near Little Yazoo (the building was recently acquired by Mr. Hood). The public is invited.

Mr. Clark, minister of music at Madison Church, and graduate of Belhaven College, will present a program of sacred music. He recently recorded his second album.

Mr. Hood, pastor of Oil City Church, will bring the devotional message.

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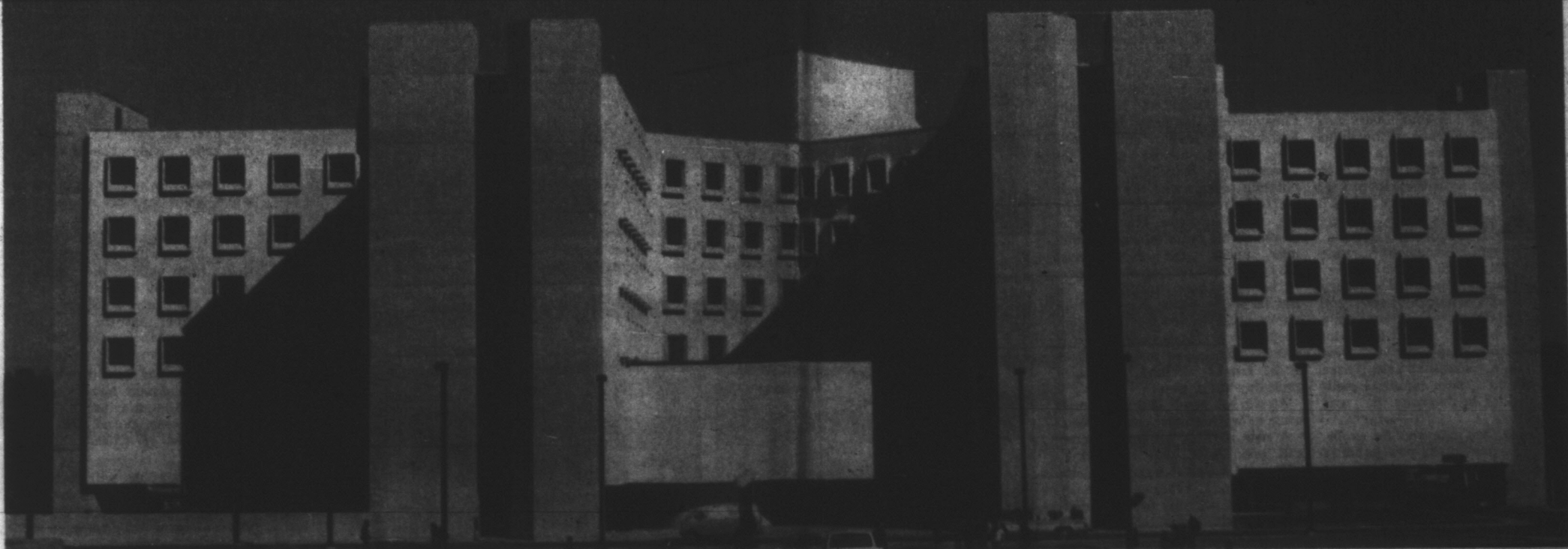
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New \$35,000,000 Hospital Ready To Open

By Don McGregor

Mississippi Baptist's new \$35 million medical center in Jackson will officially open its doors to the public Jan. 25.

Paul J. Pryor, administrator, said a dedication ceremony is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, and open house is planned to begin at that time.

The personalities who participated in the ground breaking for the new building have been asked to be present for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The schedule calls for the patients in the old hospital building across the street to be moved into the shining new facility on Feb. 1.

The new center has been in planning and construction stages for the past six years. During that time 24 men from across the state served on the 15-man hospital board. One of them, Zach Hederman, a Jackson business executive, served as chairman of the board during almost the entire period of the development of the new facility, retiring last November. He was succeeded by J. W. Underwood, another Jackson businessman, who had been a member of the board and chairman of the executive committee.

Anticipating the opening, trustees for Mississippi Baptist Hospital changed the name of the medical complex to Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. This con-

cept includes the new building to go into use Feb. 1; the old building across North State Street; the Medical Arts Building, just south of the new building; the Gilfoy Building, which is south from the Medical Arts Building; and others.

The name Mississippi Baptist Medical Center is also being used in identifying the new building alone.

And a medical center it is. The \$35 million total investment represents \$22 million in construction costs and \$13 million for the land and for the furnishings. It increases the number of beds at the hospital from 400 to 600. In addition there are 100 beds in the Gilfoy Building.

The new building is twice as big as the old one with some 500,000 square feet. This is contained in a structure of eight floors, six of them above the ground. The top four floors are to be used for patient rooms. The other four floors are for administration, services, surgery, and equipment.

On the first floor will be located the various administrative offices, the emergency room, data processing, accounting, admit-

ting, physical medicine, respiratory therapy, the chapel, the gift shop, the children's playroom, and the cafeteria.

The second floor will have all surgery, all radiology, all of the clinical laboratories, heart catheterization, and cardiovascular recovery.

On the third floor will be neurosurgery, the intensive care unit, the coronary care unit, the burn unit, and a "stepdown" area for

persons progressing from any of these special treatment areas.

On the fourth floor will be found obstetrics, gynecology, labor rooms, delivery rooms, and the nursery (including the intensive care nursery).

The fifth floor will house two surgical wings, one orthopedic wing, and one pediatric wing.

On the sixth floor will be one

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Baptist Hospital Story Covers 65-Year Span

On January 3, 1911, the Mississippi Baptist Convention gained title to a seven-room ante-bellum residence on North State Street which was being used as a hospital by two Jackson physicians—Dr. J. E. Hunter and Dr. H. R. Shands.

The Baptists tore down the structure and built a three-story brick hospital of 50 beds which opened its doors to the public on Thanksgiving Day of 1914. A fourth floor was added in 1922, increasing the number of beds to 120.

An imposing annex was added to the south side of the building in 1929, and another annex on the north side in 1938 brought the total number of beds to 185.

A major expansion came in 1945-47 with the five-story Hederman addition, which doubled the size of the hospital, raised the number of beds to 300, and provided new emergency room and surgical facilities.

Still growing with Jackson and Mississippi, the hospital added another 100 beds with the five-story Simmons addition in 1955, and utilization of the Gilfoy building in 1970 brought the total number of beds to 450.

Throughout the sixties, trustees of Mississippi Baptist Hospital had been giving serious consideration to the long-range health-care needs of Jackson and the state, and on January 13, 1970,

they made a decision to build a completely new hospital on a six-acre site across North State Street from the existing building.

That decision was the culmination of years of planning, discussion, study, research and consultation with architects and builders. The Ellerbe Company, St. Paul, Minn., was selected as architect for the project, working with the Jackson architectural firm of Barlow and Plunkett. Actual construction was assigned to Turner Construction Company, of Cincinnati. Sub-contracts went to Mississippi firms.

A fund drive in 1970 raised some \$2,000,000 in gifts from Mississippians toward the total construction cost of \$35,000,000 as a testimony to the community interest and support for the undertaking.

Actual site work began on November 27, 1972, preceding the official ground-breaking ceremony which was held on December 17, 1972. An estimated 170,000 yards of dirt was hauled away from the site in what is believed to be the largest excavation in Jackson history. The frame of the

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Suspended On Threads Of Christian Concern

"The Hospital Is A Mobile"

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Red light whirling, an ambulance rolls up to a ramp. The vehicle stops, but inside the hospital the arriving patient adds only the tiniest ripple to the never-ending waves of motion.

You could walk for hours and not cover all the half-million square feet of the new \$35,000,000 Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. It would take you a very long time to open every one of the 2800 doors. In fact, some of them would be locked and you would have to ask Building Services for the keys.

Even if you had X-ray vision, it would take quite a while just to sit still and examine every single section of that stupendous structure.

Let us imagine what the hospital will be like after it opens.

Footsteps approach the hospital from every direction. Some pause at the ten-foot tall direc-

tory column near the north entrance. Others come through the main entrance doors on the south. Still others arrive by tunnel from the Medical Arts Building.

You follow a lady into the circular gift shop in the spacious lobby. Browsing there, you find a mobile. Butterflies of silver suspended on slender threads. "A nice gift for a sick child," you think. Edith Schaeffer in her newest book says that a family is a mobile. A hospital, like a family, is a mobile. Mississippi Baptist Medical Center is a mobile, its many parts held together by the strong threads of Christian love and concern.

You see and feel and hear the perpetual motion and determine to find out what it's all about. Since you cannot see all the center in the time you have, you decide to follow at least some of the people on the move.

There's an engineer going down into the sub-basement. Keeping

in the background, you walk behind him. Suddenly you could believe yourself in the middle of a science fiction movie. Before you is an unbelievable maze of mechanical equipment—pipes and cables and boilers of red and blue and green and yellow. A big sign flashes a warning: Danger—High Voltage. Air flows through what appears to be acres of vents, placed here to leave the roof free for future expansion upward. The sound of the engines is a steady pulsing throb, like a heartbeat. You become conscious of the throbbing of life—and death—above you. Somewhere up there a new baby is being born. On another floor an old man is dying. As three hundred doctors and 1200 hospital employees minister to the needs of hundreds of patients, they are like life-giving corpuscles flowing through the arteries of the giant complex.

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Hospital Officers

J. W. Underwood, second from left, Jackson real estate developer, is president of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. Paul J. Pryor, second from right, is administrator. Two assistant administrators are Michael Wilkinson, left, and Earl W. Edkins, right.

"Gallant Lady"

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surgical wing and three medical wings.

Immediately below the first floor is what is being called the sub-basement. This floor will house materials management, central processing, medical records, office of staff development, engineering and building services, the pharmacy, the dietary service and the Auxiliary office.

In the sub-basement, the lowest floor, all of the mechanical equipment has been installed.

The bottom four floors, including the sub-basement and subway, are rectangular and provide the base for the top four patient floors. Each of the top four floors has four wings, and each of the wings in build in the shape of a "Y."

The nurses' station for each of the wings is at the juncture of the three legs of the "Y," and thus no patient is more than six doors away from the station.

Equipment throughout the new facility is said to be the very latest that can be found in every area of use. Whatever new and improved concepts that have come along in hospital care will be incorporated for use in the new building, a spokesman said. There will not be a more complete medical facility in the state, it was indicated.

Through too extensive for explanation, a tour of the new building reveals that in every area of care and treatment the finest and latest in equipment and methods will be utilized.

The hospital is moving into its new facility 65 years after the establishment of the hospital just across North State Street. On Jan. 3, 1911, the Mississippi Baptist Convention bought a seven-room antebellum home from two Jackson physicians, J. F. Hunter and H. R. Shands, who had been using the house as a hospital.

Later this structure was torn down, and on Thanksgiving Day of 1914 a new three-story, 50-bed hospital was opened. This building still stands and is a part of the hospital presently in use. There have been numerous expansions to bring the old building to its present size.

In January of 1970 the trustees made the decision to build a completely new facility. Work began on Nov. 27, 1972, and the groundbreaking ceremonies were held Dec. 17, 1972. The "topping out"

ceremonies were held on the roof of the building on Feb. 20, 1974. This marked the pouring of the last bucket of concrete and the completion of the building shell. Work on the interior of the building went on throughout 1974 and 1975.

The new building is connected to the old building by a tunnel running under North State Street.

A fund drive in 1970 with a goal of \$1.5 million netted \$2 million instead. A loan of \$29,160,000 was arranged to be paid from earned income of the medical center.

The new building has made its mark in many ways already. The contract of \$21,203,400 to Turner Construction Company of Cincinnati was the largest single contract in state history except for government projects.

The building permit was the largest single such permit ever issued by the city of Jackson. The hospital is one of the state's largest buildings under one roof, almost 515,000 square feet of floor space.

The excavation made one of the largest holes ever dug in Jackson, 500 by 400 feet by 35 feet deep. Some 170,000 cubic yards of dirt was hauled out by a fleet of 33 trucks working 16 hours each day for a month.

At times some 400 workmen were at work on the construction.

A new parking lot for 500 cars will open with the building.

The old hospital has made its impact also. It represents one of the largest payrolls in the Jackson area with some 1,200 employees. The medical staff includes 300 physicians. Its compassion caused the hospital to extend charity treatment worth \$175,000 during 1975. Its motto is "Christian Concern in Action."

The dietary department produces 3,300 meals per day, and the laundry handles 7,000 pounds of linen daily.

The emergency room handles about 27,000 cases each year, and in 1975 the total number of patient days was 109,190.

The hospital is a major customer for Jackson area businesses and each month spends about \$500,000 on routine purchases not counting food.

The new hospital will have a main chapel on the first floor and five prayer chapels. The main chapel will seat 30-35, according to Chaplain Gordon Shamburger. He indicated a hope that 6 or 8

wheel chairs could also be placed in the chapel when needed.

Chaplain Shamburger has two chaplain interns working with him. They are George Kessler and Doug Simmons.

The main chapel has been fur-

nished by Calvary Baptist Church of Jackson. The church donated \$10,500 for furnishing the chapel and the chaplain's offices. The chapel has been named the James B. Parker Memorial Chapel in honor of the first chaplain of the

hospital.

Four of the prayer chapels are on the patient floors, and one is adjacent to the emergency area. The emergency area chapel was furnished by the sons of Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins. The patient

floor chapels were furnished by First Baptist Church, Jackson; by Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson; by Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, in memory of Mrs. Eunice Purvis; and by Mrs. C. M. Harrison of Meridian in memory of her husband.

The new building has many interesting facets, and not all can be detailed in limited space. It is of particular interest, however, that there are 19 operating rooms. Supply and food carts will circulate throughout the building 24 hours a day on computerized elevators. Food will be cooked in the old building and frozen for storage in the new. Patients will not have to wake up to eat but can order meals at will. Food trays will arrive by elevator and the meals will be thawed in microwave ovens at the nurses' stations.

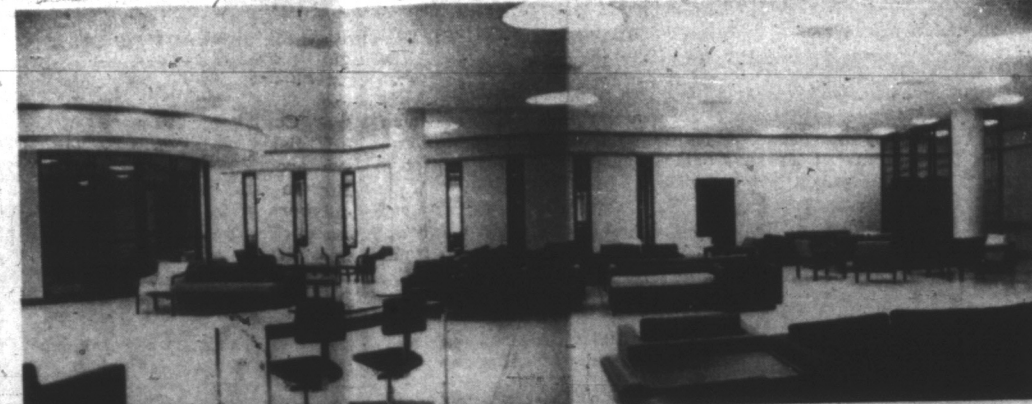
The new Centrex system of communications will allow calls to be made from outside the hospital directly to the rooms simply by dialing the center's 968 prefix, the floor number, and the room number. For instance, room 120 on the sixth floor would be 968-6120.

The space for the Office of Staff Development will have faculty offices, an auditorium for 77, six classrooms, closed circuit television, and a 10,000-volume library.

Nurses' stations will be connected to the pharmacy by pneumatic tubes.

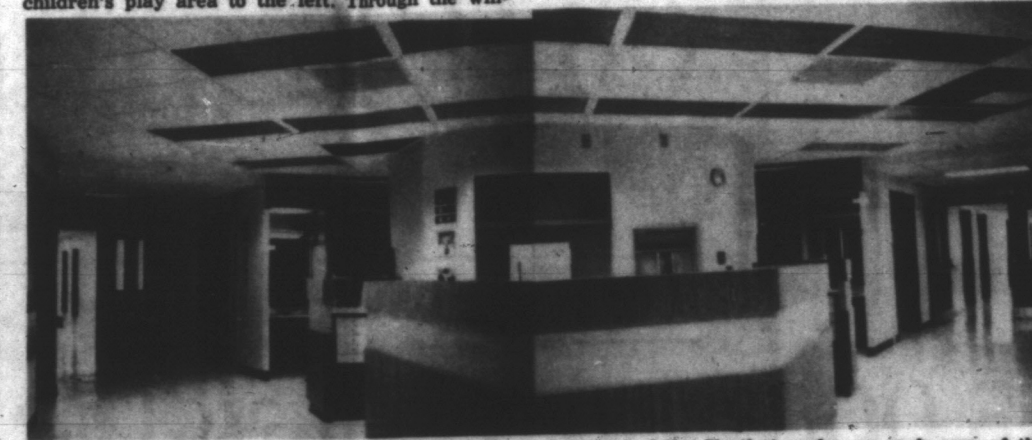
A cafeteria will be open continuously from 6:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and the main lobby will be 8,500 square feet of space.

It is a big and complex facility. Probably the only way to grasp its greatness and potentiality for ministry is to visit the open house Sunday.



A composite picture of the lobby of the new Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson shows children's play area to the left. Through the win-

dows in the rear can be seen glimpses of the cafeteria.



A composite picture on the fourth floor of the new Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson shows how the nurses' stations are positioned at the

junction of the Ys that make up each arm of the patients' area. The nurses' stations are not more than six doors from any patient's room.

"The Hospital Is A Mobile"

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An air-lock at the entrance to surgery on second floor seals off the section of actual operating rooms. In one of the nineteen operating rooms a surgeon is doing a total hip replacement.

In a lounge on third floor, big enough to accommodate 72 people, small groups are talking in subdued tones, or waiting in quiet anxiety. Their friends or relatives are acutely ill, in the intensive care unit nearby. One family walks over to the private conference room to talk with their doctor. "Quite an improvement over the crowded waiting room for intensive care in the old building," someone says.

In the heart catheterization unit on second floor, a nurse is saying, "Already we need more space in this unit. Since it took five years to build this center, the needs in that time grew. One room originally intended as a library for X-ray technicians, became the place to put the large Emiscan ('brain scan') machine."

In the six-bed burn unit, a patient is being lowered into the Hubbard tank by an especially designed electric hoist. This burn unit, on the same floor as intensive care and coronary care, will get the same maximum attention. It is the first in Mississippi to be designed from scratch as a self-contained unit. A plastic surgeon on the hospital staff inspected burn units in Mobile, Galveston, and San Francisco, and worked with architects to make sure the Jackson unit had the best features of the three nationally recognized facilities.

In the wide corridors visitors are following at least a few of the 1470 directional signs, searching for specific rooms. The four top floors, all for patients, have four wings each, they discover, every wing in the shape of a Y. Each wing has its own color code, and the directional signs have a matching color key. Six hundred patient rooms, each with a window and a bath, alternate in four color schemes, bright orange, blue and green, subdued orange, and gold and olive. (Rooms on the pediatric wings are even brighter.) The curtain design, a specially ordered print, repeats the hospital's shape—a central rectangular core with the four Y-shaped wings. "It's so beautiful that I'd almost like to get sick so I could be a patient!" one visitor says.

In a pharmacy five times the size of the one in the old hospital, a pharmacist walks into a 6 x 10 foot refrigerator, finds the chemicals he seeks, prepares a prescription and drops it into a pneumatic tube. The medicine slips in seconds to one of the sixteen nursing stations.

In this astonishing place of per-

petual motion, you pass an elevator. An automatic arm slides out, lifts a loaded car into the elevator, and whisks it away to regions above. When the cart arrives at the right place, an automatic arm pushes it out into a cargo area, lights flash, and a buzzer sounds. That cart is one of 300 shiny news ones on the move day and night in the medical center, delivering medical and surgical supplies, linens, and food. Materials Management, among other activities, is continually sterilizing instruments, and keeping these carts loaded and ready to go.

In the main chapel on first floor, a guest minister is leading a devotional service. In the chaplain's office next door to the chapel, the chaplain is counseling with the patients of a sick child. In prayer chapels on the four patient floors, individuals are praying, some kneeling, others sitting quietly, heads bowed.

A nurse in the bright yellow pediatric wing on fifth floor takes a child's temperature. Another gives a little girl some orange juice. Walking back together to the nursing station at the base of the Y, they talk about how much they like the Y arrangement. Since they are no more than six doors from any patient, it saves them many steps. Very different from the old, long corridors!

A patient in a blue and green room on sixth floor awakens from a nap and asks for his supper. A nurse takes a tray of frozen food from the refrigerator at her station, thaws it in seconds in a microwave oven, and serves it piping hot. By way of a large computer she can tell the dietary department what the patient chooses to eat for the next meal.

The computer (IBM 370-145) is the primary communication link between nursing station and services such as dietary lab, radiology, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy, central supply, and business office.

At the loading dock on the west, at first floor, men are unloading food from big trucks. Meals have been cooked in the kitchen of the old hospital building across the street and are being delivered to the dietary department to be stored in giant freezers. At least a 21-day supply is packaged on trays and kept frozen at all times, in case of some unforeseen emergency as a strike or a temporary food shortage. In one section of the dietary department, carts are being loaded with trays to be taken to the refrigerators at the nursing stations.

In the spacious, well-lit cafeteria on first floor near the south entrance, a line of people moves steadily. In the so-called "scramble area," several

doctors in a hurry are choosing salads, desserts, and beverages at "quick pick-up" bars. A conveyor belt clicks round and round, in never-ceasing motion, emptied food trays spiraling downward to dishwashers in the subway.

Near the cafeteria, at one side of the lobby, children are playing in a circular playroom, while their parents wait.

In the new ten-bed holding area of Emergency, there is a four-year-old boy who has swallowed his mother's birth control pills. There's a little girl who ate too many vitamin pills. A woman arrives, crying and upset. She has been in a traffic accident, but does not seem to be hurt physically. The doctors want to keep these people for observation for several hours, maybe overnight, without actually admitting them to the hospital, and so they plan to keep them in this holding area.

The emergency section is twice as big as the old one, with five trauma rooms, three medical treatment rooms, four rooms for heart emergencies, two X-ray rooms, two cast rooms, and a small lab. Yet it isn't big enough, for already the waiting room must double as additional office area. Four full-time doctors and 18 registered nurses, plus many others, work there around the clock.

Besides being the keepers of the keys, and other sundry things, Building Services must see about the laundry and the housekeeping duties. The director of the department helped to select surfaces easy to keep clean—46,000 linear yards of stain-resistant wall covering, 3400 yards of carpeting, drapes for 600 windows, and works of art (mostly landscapes and still-lives) for 600 patient rooms.

What is a hospital? It is a mobile.

In physical therapy, eight to ten times bigger than in the old hospital, a man is lifted from a wheelchair and placed in a whirlpool bath.

In an auditorium behind a curved, pumpkin-orange wall, nurses are watching an educational film. (The Staff Development Department, its auditorium, library, and classrooms are on the subway level.)

In Radiology a grey-bearded man steps behind a machine that does chest films only. Within ninety seconds, the machine produces the film.

In a patient's room, a woman picks up her Trimline phone. The dial is in the hand set so she doesn't have to lean from bed to dial. She tells a friend that she may dial her room direct.

In Administration, near the front entrance on the first floor, the hospital Board is meeting with Administrator Paul Pryor or in a handsome paneled office.

They are trying to decide what will be done with the old hospital. Some good suggestions have come; someone suggests a center for cancer treatment. But they have not yet decided which of the wonderful possibilities will be best.

In Medical Records, an employee depresses a few keys and a patient index card is automatically pulled.

In Pathology, where 300 lab procedures are available, the Sequential Multiple Analyzer performs twelve tests within an hour, on sixty different blood samples.

In Admissions, the electronic computer helps to admit or discharge a patient in as little as ten minutes.

Watching all these activities, you have been saving the best until last. The babies! Family and friends have their own private freeway in the obstetrics wing on the fourth floor for looking at babies and visiting new mothers. Still keeping in the background, you follow a man who looks like he might be a proud grandfather. He goes along the walkway on the outer edge of the wing. There are many outside windows, but he doesn't look that way at all. He's looking the other way, where the babies are on view. He stops in front of one and points and smiles broadly. Medical center personnel are using only the inner core of the wing, leaving this corridor free for visitors.

Then you notice a movement that gives you a sense of security and a feeling that all is well in the world after all. In the midst of all the gleaming automation, a nurse is feeding an infant his special bottled formula. She is sitting and holding the baby, and rocking—in an old-fashioned wooden rocking chair.

VIGO, Spain—The Baptist Church of Vigo was able to obtain permission to have a stand and display of evangelical literature for the first time at the recent Vigo bookfair. The first reply to the request was negative because of the limited number of stands but the National Book Institute in charge of the fair forgot to assign one stand. This error allowed Missionary Dennis Hale, pastor of the church, to set up the stand which sold approximately 450 books and gave out tracts and Scripture portions.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast—About 270 people attended the first two worship services of the new church organized in the Yopougon Gare area near here recently. The services, held in a rented apartment, were attended by Christians and non-Christians. Thirty professions of faith were made the first Sunday.

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new building went up in 1973, and on November 12 of that year, the first of several hundred pre-cast concrete window-wall slabs (each one four feet wide and 16 feet high and four inches thick) was set in place for the exterior wall. At the peak of the construction activity, in December of 1973 and in January and February of 1974, approximately 330 workmen were on the site.

On February 20, 1974, workmen poured the last bucket of concrete on the roof of the building. This "topping-out" ceremony took place about a week ahead of the original target date. The national and state flags flew atop the building for several days to mark completion of its exterior, and attention now centered on the intricate interior work necessary for a hospital.

Throughout 1974 and 1975, this work was carried out in the hospital's subway and sub-basement, in its first floor (administration) and second floor (surgical and special services) and approximately 22 beds on each wing—

most of them in single rooms.

Simultaneously, work was under way on parking areas, including a landscaped site just north of the building large enough for 480 cars, spaces immediately around the building for another 250 cars, and an underground parking garage large enough for 180 cars. The careful landscaping of the northside parking area preserved many large oak, elm and pecan trees.

"The 24 men who have served on the hospital's board of trustees since 1970 are to be commended for their dedication to the extra work involved in overseeing this huge construction project," said administrator Paul J. Pryor. "Also deserving credit are board members of the sixties, who made many far-reaching decisions regarding the long-range future of the hospital."

"Today, board members of 1976 and future years face the many responsibilities involved in guiding the destiny of the hospital in such a way that it will fulfill, more effectively than ever, its role as an institution of Christian service."



Paul Pryor, Administrator, (l) and Zach Hederman, (r) former Chairman of the Hospital Board, have conferred often, during the past six years, concerning plans, contracts, and other matters related to the new Mississippi Medical Center.